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REMARKS

Applicant submits the foregoing amendments and following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as "the Office Action") and in light of the in-person interview conducted on December 6, 2006 between Mr. Hermanson and Examiner Bowers.

Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Bowers for the Interview on December 6, 2006 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Election

The Office Action indicated restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121: Group I claims 1-24 and 38, drawn to a system for controlling a bioreactor, classified in class 435, subclass 286.1; Group II claims 25-34, drawn to a method for controlling a bioreactor, classified in class 435, subclass 3; and Group III claim 39, drawn to a program storage device, classified in class 700, subclass 90. In complete response to the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Group I claims 1-24 and 38 for examination. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any non-elected claim(s), or other new claims, in subsequently filed continuation or divisional applications. As a result of this election, claims 1-24 and 38 are pending and claims 25-34 and 39 are withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing election, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for examination on the merits and respectfully requests the same. If there are any remaining issues that the Examiner believes can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to discuss such issues.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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